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1. ARAB WORLD PRESSURE ON OMANGOV RE MASIRAH ARRANGEMENTS SEEMS TO HAVE DIED DOWN, SUPPLANTED BY LATER DEVELOPMENTS SUCH AS ARRIVAL OF JORDANIAN AIRCRAFT AND TROOPS. FONMIN SOURCE (AL-ALAWI) TOLD EMBOFF THAT NO ARAB CRITIC OFFICIALLY HAD SUGGESTED THAT OMANGOV RENEGE ON DECISION TO GRANT USG RIGHTS FOR INTERMITTENT USE OF BRITISH FACILITIES. SUCH SUGGESTION WOULD HAVE BEEN REJECTED AS INTERFERENCE IN OMAN'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS; PRESS CAMPAIGNS, PERHAPS INSPIRED, WERE SOMETHING ELSE, BUT OMANGOV CAN AND WILL IGNORE THEM.

2. CONCERNING AKHBAR INTERVIEW (ARABIC LANGUAGE TEXT BEING POUCHED TO LONDON), AL-ALAWI LAUGHED THIS OFF AS "PROPAGANDA" DESIGNED MORE TO DECEIVE THAN ENLIGHTEN PUBLIC OPINION. HOWEVER, HE STILL OF OPINION THAT UK-OMAN AGREEMENT
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UP FOR REVIEW IN 2-3 YEARS' TIME. HE NOTED, PLAINTIVELY,

THAT ONLY COPY OF AGREEMENT HELD BY OMANGOV IS KEPT PERSONALLY BY SULTAN. (N.B. MEMBER OF BRITISH EMBASSY CONFIRMS, AND STATES THAT THEY HAD TO TURN ASIDE REQUEST FROM ONE HIGH-RANKING OFFICIAL TO MAKE AVAILABLE A COPY FROM THEIR FILES.) BEING THUS KEPT IN THE DARK, IT IS HARDLY SURPRISING THAT OFFICIALS MAKE MISLEADING STATEMENTS CONCERNING ARRANGEMENTS.

3. FOR LONDON: EMBASSY CONSIDERS AL-ALAWI TO BE BOTH ABLE AND RELIABLE (PARA 3 REFTEL A). HE RECENTLY WAS ENTRUSTED WITH MISSION OF VISITING GULF STATES AND SAUDI ARABIA TO COUNTER EFFORTS OF PDRY FONMIN. LIKEWISE, HE PERSONALLY UNDERTOOK LATEST ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH TEHRAN RE ANTI-POLLUTION AGREEMENT. HE IS NOT SKILLED IN HANDLING THE PRESS--FEW, IF ANY OMANIS ARE--BUT OCCASIONAL GAFFES SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS DETRACTING FROM HIS PERFORMANCE WHICH APPARENTLY PLEASES BOTH ZAWAWI AND SULTAN.
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